Representation of Sambavars in the Popular Assembly.

145. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any member belonging to the Sambavar community has been nominated to the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly in 1099;

(*b*) whether a Sambavar gentleman was not being nominated for the last many years to the Assembly; and

(*c*) if no Sambavar has been nominated this year, what the reason is for withholding the privilege from the community this year?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) One was being nominated during some years.

(*c*) There is no hard and fast rule on the subject.

Transfer of Executive Engineers.

146. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they propose to order a general transfer of Executive Engineers in Makaram, 1099?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government do not contemplate any such general transfer in Makaram, 1099.

Shifting of Agastisvaram Taluk Cutcherry to Nagercoil.

147. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to shift the Agastisvaram Taluk Cutcherry from the present Cutcherry building at Edalakkudi to any convenient building at Nagercoil?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government will look into the matter.

Points of Reference to the Excise Committee.

148. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to refer to the Excise Committee the suggestions of some members of the Legislative Council to amalgamate the Salt Factories and the Nagercoil Excise Division and to abolish the present Alleppey Excise Division?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The committee has been appointed for the purpose of considering the proposals submitted by the Excise Commissioner for the promotion of temperance. Government do not consider it necessary to refer other questions to the committee.

Mr. K. Srinivasa Rao's Claims for Promotion as Division Assistant.

149. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Agastisvaram*): (*a*) Is it a fact that Mr. K. Srinivasa Rao B. A., *sub. pro tem.* Devaswom Assistant Commissioner, has acted as a Division Assistant and First Class Magistrate for more than one year previous to the Devaswom reorganisation?

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